

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)

Slurry A stable, storable slurry consisting
essentially of containing water, amorphous silica particles
having a particle size less than 1 um, and silica flour
with a particle size between 2 - 200um, characterized in
that the slurry contains and a preconditioned
polysaccharide as a stabilizer, wherein the polysaccharide
has been in a water medium for at least 15 minutes before
it is added.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended)

Slurry The slurry according to claim 1, characterized
in that wherein the polysaccharide is a cellulose derivate
selected from the group consisting of among xanthan,
carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose,
hydroxyethylcellulose and mixtures of these compounds.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended)

Slurry The slurry according to claim 1, characterized
in that wherein the slurry contains comprises between 0.01
and 3 grams of polysaccharide pr. litre per liter of
slurry.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended)

~~Slurry~~ The slurry according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the slurry contains comprises between 0.05 and 1.5 grams of polysaccharide pr. litre per liter of slurry.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended)

~~Slurry~~ The slurry according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the slurry further contains comprises one or more of dextrin, guar gum and locust bean gum.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ A method for the production of a slurry containing water, amorphous silica having a particle size below 1 um, and silica flour with a particle size between 2 - 200 um, characterized in that comprising: adding a polysaccharide ~~is added~~ to a slurry of water and amorphous silica, where after mixing the silica flour ~~is mixed~~ into the slurry of amorphous silica.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, characterized in that wherein the polysaccharide is ~~preconditioned~~ in a

water containing medium for at least 15 minutes before adding to the slurry.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 7, characterized in ~~that~~ wherein the water medium polysaccharide is ~~preconditioned in~~ a slurry of water and amorphous silica.

Claim 9 ((Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, characterized in ~~that~~ wherein the silica flour is mixed into the slurry of water and amorphous silica using a high shear energy mixer.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, characterized in ~~that~~ wherein the polysaccharide is added to the slurry of amorphous silica and water in an amount necessary to provide a content of polysaccharide in the final slurry of 0.01 to 3 grams ~~pr. Litre per liter.~~

Claim 11 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 10, characterized in that wherein the polysaccharide is added to the slurry of amorphous silica and water in an amount necessary to provide a content of polysaccharide in the final slurry of 0.1 and 1.5 grams pr litre per liter.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended)

~~Method~~ The method according to claim 6, characterized in that wherein the polysaccharide added is a cellulose derivate selected from the group consisting of among xanthan, carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose and mixtures of these compounds.

Claim 13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (New)

The method according to claim 6, wherein the slurry further comprises one or more of dextran, guar gum and locust bear gum.